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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/695,935

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Nelson Lam

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 January 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 January 2006 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's Amendment to 10/695,935 has been examined. The Title of the Invention has been amended. The specification has been amended. The drawings have been amended. Claim 1 is pending.

Applicant's Amendment is considered persuasive in part and the applicable rejections from the prior office action along with new ground of rejection are incorporated herein.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. **Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)** as being anticipated by Ikeda et al. (US Patent No. 5,198,986).

As per **claim 1**, Ikeda discloses a crosstalk checking method comprising the steps of:

extracting a parallel line length between adjacent lines by inputting a layout (Abstract; Fig. 1, #11, #15, #16, #17; col. 4, line 12-18; Fig. 4, #11, #151; col. 1, line 46-68; col. 2, line 1-8) , and

further, inputting a reference value per pitch describing a restriction values of parallel line lengths different according to a line pitch (Fig. 5, #20, #172; col. 1, line 46-68; col. 2, line 1-8; col. 7, line 3-21; col. 7, line 62-68; col. 8, line 1-8); and

calculating the line pitch with respect to the adjacent lines extracted in the parallel line length extracting step (Fig. 4, #153; Fig. 5, #173; col. 5, line 1-35; col. 6, line 42-46; Fig. 7B; col. 6, line 48-64), comparing the parallel line length between the adjacent lines with the reference value per pitch (col. 5, line 37-48), and thus, determining a portion at which crosstalk occurs in the case where the parallel line length is greater (Fig. 7A; Fig. 8B; col. 6, line 28-39; col. 6, line 47-68).

Remarks

3. Applicant states that Ikeda fails to disclose the step of calculating the line pitch with respect to adjacent lines extracted in parallel line length between adjacent lines. Examiner respectfully disagrees with applicant's finding and is directed to Fig. 7B; column 6, lines 48-64 of Ikeda. Fig. 7B in conjunction with column 6, lines 48-64, "finds a distance D between interconnection lines in the parallel portion...". Therefore, the Ikeda reference does show the step of calculating the line pitch with respect to adjacent lines based on the identified and referenced explanatory cites in the non-final and instant office action.

Accordingly, the rejection under 35 USC 102 (b) is maintained.

Conclusion

2. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nelson Lam whose telephone number is 571 272-8318. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday at 9am - 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack Chiang can be reached on 571 272-7483. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

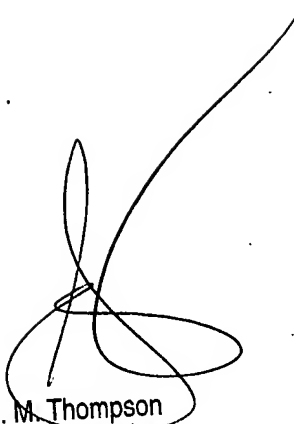
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